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1. Moroccan nationalist groups in the Spanish Zone are delighted with the warm reception given to Ahmed Choukeiri, deputy general secretary of the Arab League in Madrid. On his return from America, Choukeiri made a long stop in the Spanish capital. [redacted] was able to reach an understanding with General Franco on the Moroccan question.
2. The Quai d'Orsay is surprised and overwhelmed at discovering that the Caudillo undertook such conversations, in view of the fact that his government seemed to be looking for a modus vivendi with France over the designation of the new Sultan. However that may be, it is certain that General Valino, High Commissioner for Spanish Morocco, took advantage of the visit to Tetuan by the deputy secretary general of the Arab League to arrange a series of occasions in his honor.
3. Ahmed Choukeiri also had a number of conversations with Abdel Khalek Torres, leader of Istiqlal, and with the Caliph Mulay el Hassen. If one can believe the Moroccan nationalists, Ahmed Choukeiri got the Spanish authorities to promise that they would not recognize the present Sherifian sovereign as sovereign of Morocco. On the other hand, Spain would favor proclamation of the sovereignty of the Caliph of Tetuan over the two zones of Morocco.
4. Spain is further supposed to have agreed to a plan of action meant to tighten the links between the Arab countries and the nations of Latin America. This is designed to lead these countries to take a more hostile attitude toward France in the Moroccan question.

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